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In re Application of:

Brent Townshend

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Speech Recognition Modeling

Group Art Unit: 2741

Examiner: R. Dorvil

PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2001, applicant hereby submits this proposed drawing correction in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. The proposed corrections are highlighted in red. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's approval of the proposed drawing corrections.

Respectfully submitted,
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TEST INSTRUCTIONS

FIG. 2A

THE PHONEPASS TEST IS PRESENTED BY A COMPUTER SYSTEM OVER THE TELEPHONE. IT TESTS YOUR ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH AND TO UNDERSTAND SPOKEN ENGLISH AT A CONVERSATIONAL PACE. YOU WILL NEED TO READ ALOUD, REPEAT SENTENCES, SPEAK WORDS, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

PROCEDURE. FIRST, TAKE TIME TO READ THE TEST SHEET. IF THERE ARE WORDS OR SENTENCES THAT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, YOU MAY USE A DICTIONARY OR ASK A FRIEND OR TEACHER FOR HELP. WHEN YOU ARE READY TO BEGIN THE TEST, USE AN APPROPRIATE TELEPHONE TO CALL THE NUMBER PRINTED ON THE FRONT OF THE TEST SHEET. YOU WILL TAKE THE TEST ON YOUR OWN BY FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE. RELAX, CONCENTRATE, AND DO YOUR BEST. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO A TEST ITEM, JUST BE SILENT OR SAY "I DON'T KNOW."

TEST SECTIONS. THE TEST HAS FIVE SECTIONS (PART A, B, C, D AND E) AS FOLLOWS:

PART A: FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS TO READ SELECTED SENTENCES FROM AMONG THOSE PRINTED IN PART A. READ THE SENTENCES IN THE ORDER REQUESTED. READ ALOUD AS SMOOTHLY AND NATURALLY AS YOU CAN.

PART B: REPEAT EACH SENTENCE YOU HEAR - EXACTLY AS YOU HEAR IT. REPEAT AS MUCH OF THE SENTENCE AS YOU CAN.

PART C: FOR EACH WORD YOU HEAR, JUST SAY THE OPPOSITE WORD THAT IS MOST CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH IT. THIS MAY BE AN ANTONYM, LIKE WHITE - BLACK, OR A PARALLEL COUNTERPART, LIKE WIFE - HUSBAND.

PART D: ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT ARE ASKED WITH A SINGLE WORD OR A SHORT PHRASE OF TWO OR THREE WORDS.

PART E: AFTER YOU HEAR EACH QUESTION, WAIT 8 SECONDS UNTIL YOU HEAR A TONE, THEN SPEAK YOUR OPINION AS FULLY AND CLEARLY AS YOU CAN USING THE 30 SECONDS PROVIDED UNTIL YOU HEAR THE NEXT TONE. TRY TO GIVE A CLEAR EXPRESSION OF AN OPINION AND SUPPORTING REASONS. SPEAK FOR THE WHOLE 30 SECOND PERIOD. ANY OPINION IS ACCEPTABLE: THE PHONEPASS TEST IS SCORED ACCORDING TO THE WAY THAT THE OPINION IS EXPRESSED.

CRITERIA. PHONEPASS TEST SCORES ARE BASED ON THE EXACT WORDS THAT YOU SPEAK, AS WELL AS THE PACE, FLUENCY, AND PRONUNCIATION OF THOSE WORDS AS THEY ARE COMBINED IN PHRASES AND SENTENCES.

SUGGESTIONS. PLACE YOUR CALL TO THE PHONEPASS SYSTEM ON A GOOD TELEPHONE IN A SUITABLE LOCATION. CHOOSE A LOCATION THAT IS QUIET AND WHERE YOU WILL NOT BE INTERRUPTED. AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR CALL, THE PHONEPASS SYSTEM WILL TELL YOU IF YOU ARE SPEAKING TOO LOUDLY OR TOO QUIETLY. HOLD THE PHONE AS SHOWN IN THE FIGURE BELOW AND SPEAK IN A CLEAR, STEADY VOICE. USE A PUSH-BUTTON TELEPHONE IN A GOOD WORKING ORDER THAT IS SET TO "TONE" (NOT "PULSE"). NEWER PHONES ARE GENERALLY BETTER THAN OLDER PHONES. DO NOT USE A CORDLESS OR CELLULAR PHONE. IF YOU DO NOT KNOW HOW TO RESPOND TO A TEST ITEM, THEN REMAIN SILENT OR SAY "I DON'T KNOW."



NO
PHONE IS TOO LOW.
PHONE IS TOO FAR AWAY.



YES
PHONE IS IN FRONT
OF MOUTH



YES
PHONE IS AT A GOOD
DISTANCE

FIG. 2B

INTRODUCTION

THANK YOU FOR CALLING PHONEPASS. PLEASE ENTER YOUR TEST PAPER NUMBER ON THE TELEPHONE KEYPAD.

NOW, PLEASE SAY YOUR NAME.

PLEASE WRITE DOWN THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL REPORT NUMBER...

TO REPEAT YOUR ID NUMBER, PRESS 1. TO BEGIN THE TEST, PRESS 2. NOW, PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTS A THROUGH E.

PART A: READING. PLEASE READ THE SENTENCES AS YOU ARE INSTRUCTED.

1. TRAFFIC IS A HUGE PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
2. THE ENDLESS CITY HAS NO COHERENT MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM.
3. SHARING RIDES WAS GOING TO BE THE SOLUTION TO RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC?
4. MOST PEOPLE STILL WANT TO DRIVE THEIR OWN CARS, THOUGH.
5. MY AUNT RECENTLY RESCUED A DOG THAT WAS SICK.
6. SHE BROUGHT HER HOME AND NAMED HER MARGARET.
7. THEY WEREN'T SURE SHE WAS GOING TO LIVE, BUT NOW SHE'S HEALTHY.
8. I JUST WISH SHE COULD GET ALONG BETTER WITH THEIR CAT.

PART B: REPEAT. PLEASE REPEAT EACH SENTENCE THAT YOU HEAR.

EXAMPLE:

A VOICE SAYS, "LEAVE TOWN ON THE NEXT TRAIN."
AND YOU SAY, "LEAVE TOWN ON THE NEXT TRAIN."

PART C: OPPOSITES. NOW, WHEN YOU HEAR A WORD, JUST SAY THE OPPOSITE.

EXAMPLE:

A VOICE SAYS "WHITE" AND YOU SAY "BLACK."
A VOICE SAYS "WIFE" AND YOU SAY "HUSBAND."

PART D: QUESTIONS. NOW, PLEASE JUST GIVE A SIMPLE ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS.

EXAMPLE:

A VOICE SAYS, "WOULD YOU GET WATER FROM A BOTTLE OR A NEWSPAPER?"
AND YOU SAY, "A BOTTLE." OR "FROM A BOTTLE."

PART E: OPEN QUESTIONS. YOU WILL HAVE 30 SECONDS TO ANSWER EACH OR TWO QUESTIONS. WHEN YOU HEAR A QUESTION, YOU WILL HAVE 8 SECONDS TO CONSIDER IT, THEN (AT THE BEEP) YOU WILL HAVE 30 SECONDS TO ANSWER IT. AT THE END OF THE 30 SECONDS, ANOTHER BEEP WILL SIGNAL THE END OF THE TIME YOU HAVE TO ANSWER.

QUESTION ONE WILL BE ABOUT FAMILY LIFE.

QUESTION TWO WILL BE ABOUT YOUR PREFERENCES OR CHOICES.